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ROGER WILLIAMS COLLEGE



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NOVEMBER, 1972

## *AN INTRODUCTION . . .*

This first issue of *The Bridge* marks the beginning of what we hope will be a mutually beneficial experience for our alumni and the College community. The name of the bulletin derives, of course, from an obvious landmark, as well as the idea of continuity from college to post-college life.

The Alumni Office (part and parcel of the Office of Public Information) is always open to those of you who are in our vicinity -- the coffee pot is on, and we're anxious to learn about what you are doing, thinking, and hoping that Roger Williams College will do.

*MANY THANKS* to the retiring officers of the Alumni Council for a job well done . . .

*Ron Martel, President*

*Bob D'Uva, Representative to Board of Trustees*

*Al McKinnon, Secretary-Treasurer*

*Bill Knight, Communications Director*

*Tom Rose and Marc Rosenberg, Development Directors*

*Gary DiIorio, Placement Director*

*Fred Imondi, Recruitment Director*

We've had a productive year with lots of hard work and planning done by the Alumni Council representatives. Mr. Welch and Dr. Gauvey, as well as the staff in the Public Information Office, extend personal thanks for the time and energy expended by these people.









NEW FACULTY ----- NEW FACULTY  
----- NEW FACULTY -----

Dr. Francis Devlin, formerly Assistant Professor of English at Holy Cross College, has joined the Humanities Division. Dr. Devlin earned his Ph.D. at Indiana University.

Douglas King, who holds an M.B.A. from the University of Idaho, is teaching Marketing.

Dr. Wei Liang has been named instructor of Economics in the Business Division. Dr. Liang earned his degrees at National Peking University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Alexander Patton, a former combustion engineer, teaches Statics, Physics, and Thermodynamics in the Engineering Division. He took his doctoral degree at URI.

Dr. Michael Swanson is teaching American Studies. He was formerly a writer for the Educational Research Council of America.

Dr. Daniel Von Riesen has been named Instructor of Chemistry. After earning his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska, he taught at Hamilton College.

---PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME FACULTY---

Sister Gabrielle Jean, who holds a Ph.D. from Boston College, now teaches full-time in the Psychology Department.

Dr. Kenneth Schafer also teaches Psychology full-time. He was a post-doctoral research fellow at Brown.

James Cathers now teaches sculpture full-time. He holds an M.F.A. from R. I. School of Design.

NEW FACES-----NEW FACES-----  
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Ms. Alegria Jones joins the administrative staff as minority counselor in the Dean of Students' office. A form-

er case-worker and teacher, Ms. Jones serves as liaison between black students, faculty, and administration.

Our new Director of Admissions is Robert P. Nemeo, a graduate of Syracuse University. Before coming to RWC, Bob served for 7 years as Director of Admissions at Cazenovia College in New York.

As Controller, the College has named Gary J. Phillips. After earning his B.S. from Bryant College in 1965, Gary studied advanced accounting at Bentley. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

In the Library, L. S. Strohl has been appointed Technical Services Librarian. He was previously Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Kentucky.

Arthur Tartaglione, Jr. is Director of Residence Hall Two. Art holds an M.Ed. degree in Counseling from R. I. College; his previous experience includes teaching and career planning.

PROMOTIONS ----- PROMOTIONS  
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Our new Library Director is Ms. Sherrie Bergman Friedman, who has served as Acting Head Librarian since June. Ms. Friedman took her Masters in Library Science at Columbia.

Named as Assistant Director of the Library is Ms. Rebecca Tildesley, who continues to supervise the Reference Department.

In Providence, Louis A. Sasso has been appointed Assistant Dean of Cooperative Education for the College. He joined the RWC faculty in 1963 and was named Director of Cooperative Education and the Engineering Program in 1965. The coop program, already strong at RWC, will expand notably in the business area.

William Knight III, Class of 1970, has been named Chairman of the Engineering Division. After doing graduate work at Kansas State University, Bill taught at the Providence campus.



## PLACEMENT OFFICE FOR ROGER WILLIAMS

A Placement Office has been created in response to current employment conditions throughout the country and to the growing interest of RWC alumni in such a service. To head this office, the College has chosen Thomas F. Oates, Jr.

Tom will develop contacts with business and industrial leaders in Rhode Island and nearby New England in an effort to place 1973 graduates. At present he is formulating plans for the operation of his office and has a limited number of positions available for RWC alumni. Tom also hopes to assist undergraduates in securing part-time employment.

After receiving his B.A. in Political Science from Providence College, Tom Oates studied law at Boston University. He owned and operated his own restaurant and concentrated on sales promotion and public relations. As a result of his work, he was appointed to the Advisory Council of the R. I. Small Business Administration.

The Alumni Association has set up a special committee to work in cooperation with Tom. His office is located on the first floor of the Administration Building. It's up to you to make use of this resource -- so stop in and chat with Tom, or call 255-2222.



## SENIOR BALL PHOTOS . . .

*The Public Information Office has four sets of Senior Ball photos, left over from last spring. Sorry, we don't know who you are .. but if you do, let us know and we'll hold the photos til you have a chance to pick them up.*

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POT .. NO-FAULT .. ABORTION .. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT .. AMNESTY .. VISUAL POLLUTION .. and free beer .....

..... burning issues on campus with the October 5th appearance of Philip Noel, Democratic candidate for Governor. Under a blue sky, to the accompaniment of rock music and the whirr of a frisby, Mr. Noel addressed a gathering of about one hundred. The questions were straightforward, and so were the answers.

SENATE SENIORITY .. AID TO EDUCATION .. THE WAR .. BUSING .....

..... Republican Senatorial candidate John Chafee fielded questions on these topics on October 11th. The crowd was smaller, a bit more serious .....

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## THEATRE EVENTS . . .

Broadway may be chronically ill, but theatre continues to thrive at Roger Williams. This semester we have three students interning at Providence's Trinity Square. The popular Coffeehouse Theatre is now in its 4th year on campus. In November, the Theatre Department will present the Frank Loesser-Jo-Swerling-Abe Burrows musical, *Guys and Dolls*, directed by William Grandgeorge and choreographed by Kelly Davis. *Guys and Dolls* will run for 4 nights, November 15 through 18, in Theatre One. Admission is \$2.00. So, alumni, if you want theatre where it's at, plan a trip to the Bristol campus.





## ADVENTURE IN THE ARTS . . . . .

This past July, about 80 high school students from New York, Maryland, Florida, Delaware, and New England participated in a month-long program, ADVENTURE IN THE ARTS, on the Bristol campus. The program was conceived and directed by Sue Ellen Sanderson, Public Information Director.

Participants lived in the dorm and attended informal workshops in Theatre, Drawing, Painting, Weaving, Ceramics, Printmaking, Jewelry, Photography, and Music led by professional artists and craftsmen, including members of the RWC faculty. Some students attended several workshops while others chose to concentrate in one area.

In the evenings they were treated to concerts, lectures, movies, and Coffeehouse Theatre productions. On weekends they sailed, swam, cooked out -- pretty much as anyone would like to spend the summer, with the fillip of a creative learning experience to boot.

ADVENTURE IN THE ARTS was designed to nurture personal as well as artistic growth. What it was like for the students can best be described by some of their own evaluations:

*I learned card weaving, silk screening, and a lot about painting and drawing, and a lot of human stuff that can't be*

*measured.*

-Carolyn Gray  
Wayland, Massachusetts  
17 years old

*In all the courses I took, I learned something new. In photography, I had never snapped a picture in my life, and all of a sudden I found myself taking my own pictures, and developing and printing them myself! In the world game course, I discovered the desperate situation the Earth is in, and what we can do to help ourselves. In drawing, I found a new way to draw (with the facilitator's help) that made my sketching look more life-like.*

-Paul Silverberg  
Longbranch, New Jersey  
15 years old

*In music, I learned more band playing techniques and in art I learned to be more free and creative in what I did and not to worry about what others would think about it. I also learned more about life and philosophy from the various people I met.*

-Beth Wesler  
Dix Hills, New York  
14 years old

If you know of any high school students who would be interested in such a program, please tell them about us and tell us about them. And if you or any of your friends have a special skill which you think relates to this program, and would be interested in joining us next summer, let us know.



## OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN . . .

The 1972 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA includes seven Roger Williams College graduates. They are: Allan McKinnon, Donald Desrochers, William Knight, Robert Leaver, Thomas Rose, Marc Rosenberg, and Serge Beaudoin.

Sponsored by leading men's civic and service organizations, OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA honors men between the ages of 21 and 35 whose demonstrated excellence has marked them for future leadership in the nation. The recipients of the award have distinguished themselves in one or more aspects of community and professional life.

The 1972 edition is scheduled for publication early in November and will include a special introductory message by The Honorable James Hodgson, U. S. Secretary of Labor.

And a special "congratulations" to our  
outstanding young men.

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GREENER AND GRASSIER . . .

In late August the E.R.I. Extension Service, in cooperation with Roger Williams College and the University of Rhode Island, sponsored a Lawn Clinic on the RWC campus. URI specialists were on hand to identify weeds and insects for the public, and to recommend control measures. Step-by-step demonstrations were given on How to Seed a Lawn, How to Sod a Lawn, and How to Renovate a Poor Lawn.

As the first outdoor educational program of its kind in the state, the Lawn Clinic provided an unusual opportunity for the public to obtain information on turf management.





#### HAWKS TO PLAY CIVIC CENTER . . . . .

*The Time:* Saturday, December 23, 6 PM and 8 PM

*The Place:* Providence Civic Center

*The Event:* A basketball double-header featuring - in the first half - the RWC Hawks vs. Western New England College. For the last four years, Western New England has been tops in collegiate basketball, while the Hawks, over a three-year period, have posted an extraordinary 52-18 record.

On the second half of the bill, Providence College will play DePaul. *The admission charge for this exciting double-header is just \$3.00 total.* Tickets will be available at the end of November in the Athletic Department and the Public Information Office.

*BIG GAME DON'T MISS BIG GAME DON'T MISS*

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#### PROJECT OCEAN STUDY . . . . .

Roger Williams College is taking part in a unique program involving 90 seventh graders from the Guiteras School in Bristol.

*Project Ocean Study* aims to demonstrate the interrelationship of science, art, and social studies through the study of oceanography. The program is funded by the state and will operate throughout the school year under the guidance of August Botelho, a science teacher at Guiteras.

Mr. Botelho approached the College this summer with the idea of enlisting the aid of RWC faculty. Responding to the call were William Mershon of the Biology Department, Dr. El-Sayed Zaki of the Sociology Department, Sue Simonds of the Geography Department, and an RWC art student. They assist the Guiteras teaching team by lecturing on campus or at the school, by co-instructing on field trips, by supervising the seventh graders as they work in the College's laboratory.

We can be proud of our role in *Project Ocean Study* as an example of how the College serves the community.

#### OPERATION PEGASUS ... RWC RELIEVES "A MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM" FOR U.S. NAVY . . .

*Operation Pegasus, a whimsically named procedure for getting part of the U. S. Navy from here to Greece, alighted on the Roger Williams campus in early August. In need of temporary housing for its embarking personnel, the Navy called on RWC. We opened our dorms and our hearts.*

*In his letter of acknowledgment to Dr. Gauvey, Rear Admiral Thomas R. Weschler said: "The warm hospitality, the beautiful surroundings and excellent facilities offered by Roger Williams College combined to make the short stay at your school a most pleasureable experience for all of the dependents who accepted your hospitality."*



YOU AND THE ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT CAN HELP EACH OTHER . . . *HERE'S HOW* . . . .

At times the Admissions staff will have 50 high schools to visit in one area, in addition to Career Day Conferences, etc., and it won't be possible to have as much representation as we would like. But who can better represent Roger Williams College than *you*? Remember, this applies no matter what state you live in - and it's quite feasible that a married alumna living in Illinois could actually make this a part-time job, visiting just the county she wants. So, if you would be willing to represent us either in the state or out of state, for an evening or on a regular part-time basis, let us know.

Here are some things you can do that would take a few minutes of your time -- and that would be extremely valuable to us:

- If you're in your local library or high school guidance office, check to see that our catalog is there.
- If you know a high school guidance counselor personally, maybe you would take us into the guidance office and introduce us.
- If a new high school is opening in your neighborhood, let us know.
- If you know someone who excels in high school sports and would be an asset to our Athletics Department, give us his name and we will contact him.
- If you recommend a student who satisfies our minimum admission requirements, we will take him.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (include zip code)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated \_\_\_\_\_

My occupation is \_\_\_\_\_

I want to represent RWC in the following way:

I can devote \_\_\_\_\_ hours (per week) (per month).

## RIGHT-TO-READ PROGRAM . . .

RWC is the recipient of a \$45,000 HEW grant to fund a Right-to-Read Program, designed to help students achieve reading and writing skills at the college level. The program's primary objective is in-service training of the faculty, who participate in small workshops under the direction of Marjorie Pena.

These reading improvement programs will be incorporated in the course content. At present the program is geared for freshman courses only. Upperclassmen have the opportunity to develop their skills during the first semester in a special workshop conducted by Ms. Pena; during the second semester they will work in a tutorial position with freshmen.

There are wide implications for the Right-to-Read program since, with future funding, the program might include members of the surrounding communities who have reading and writing deficiencies.

The College is involved with the Pawtucket Model Cities Administration in providing academic services to residents of the model cities neighborhood in that city as well as to the Greater Pawtucket area. Teachers working with the Urban Studies Center program will attend the Right-to-Read workshops on the Bristol campus.



## A LIVING-LEARNING CENTER . . . .

*Who am I?*

*What am I going to do with who I am?*

These are two questions that Art Taglione, Director of the new Residence Hall, feels students frequently ask themselves. To help facilitate answers to these questions, Art is in the process of setting up ongoing Vocational Discussion Groups -- bringing in people from many professional levels for rap sessions and slide shows, opening up *awareness* to different career possibilities. This is one way in which the Residence Hall will be a learning center.

The Dorm Government plans to show a film series (W. C. Fields could be an especially good tension-reducer during exams). Guest speakers will be invited to talk on current issues such as ecology, politics, women's liberation, and human sexuality.

Those of you who have lived on the top levels of the old Residence Hall and had to lug your belongings up and down an almost never-ending staircase would really appreciate the luxury of the new dorm's *elevator*. There is also a *penthouse* on the top level and *study rooms* where real classes are held. A *recreation room* with snack area, vending machines, and a variety of games will be open seven days a week from 8 A.M. to midnight.

The new dorm, capable of accommodating 300 men and women, is presently 75% full! But it is more than a place where 225 bodies come and go. It is a place where students have the chance to develop a community spirit and to gain new insights.

## ORDER YOUR ROGER WILLIAMS CHAIR NOW!

Roger Williams College chairs are available at \$49.95 each when ordered in groups of at least a dozen. You can mail your order to the Alumni Office at the College for delivery to Roger Williams. Direct shipment will add another \$23.00 to the cost. Get your order in now for Christmas delivery . . .



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WHERE, O WHERE, HAVE THE GRADUATES  
GONE?

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Sally Pettus is taking psychology graduate courses at Boston University; in January she will apply for full-fledged graduate candidacy status in school psychology. Sally terms her preparation at RWC "excellent".

Mark and Cathy Hayes are at the University of North Carolina, where Mark is a graduate student in child psychology and an assistant in the department. Cathy is working in the day care center and taking a graduate course in psychology.

Tullio Pitassi is working toward his Ph.D. in child development at Purdue University. Doing rather well, too -- last semester he got straight A's.

Also at Purdue is Lee Kay as a graduate student in American Studies.

Ann Leaver is enrolled in the masters program in child development at URI.

Art graduate Shelagh Connors is doing graduate work at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Patrick Dennis is pursuing an M.D. at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Mike Cunningham is at URI, taking graduate level courses. Ditto for Dennis Dionne and Jack Osborne - but at the University of Miami.

Vincent Forte is pursuing an M.A.T. at Rhode Island College. Also at RIC is Mike Festa, who's working toward his masters. Mike was married in October.

Dennis Riley, George Olivera, and Jeffrey Franklin, who did their introductory biology work at RWC, have been accepted as transfer students in the URI pharmacology program.

Creative writing graduate Phil Tetreault will soon receive his M.A. in English from Clark University.

Included in a recent issue of "Ploughshares" are poems by Anthony Jarzombek, a graduate student in creative writing at the University of Oregon, and Jeffrey Silver, currently a senior at RWC. It's worth noting that "Ploughshares" was founded and edited by DeWitt Henry, who will read on campus in January as part of the Creative Writing Series.

Ron Pezzullo is doing display work for Cable Electric Products in Providence.

Somewhere in Illinois, Steve Crosby is studying pottery on the graduate level.

Jack Vartanian, owner of Potpourri Studios in Cranston, sells ceramics and gives lessons in pottery-making. He's had several exhibits of his work, including one at the Wickford Arts Festival this past summer.

Business graduate Paul Lange is working at Texas Instruments in Attleboro.

Peter Rand is employed by Speidel in the Accounting Department.

Stephen Browchuk is back from France, having spent his senior year in Aix-en-Provence.

Currently getting an M.A. in English at RIC is Larry Desrosiers, who graduated last year as a French major.

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We know a little bit about a few of you -- but far too few! Help us fill in the gaps - let us know what you're doing, where you're doing it, how you're liking it. Send your news to the Alumni Office.

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\*\*\*\*\*      THESE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES ..... VOTE TODAY!      \*\*\*\*\*

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*For President:*

DON DESROCHERS      Don is a 1971 graduate of Roger Williams and is currently employed by the College as Financial Aid Director. After doing graduate work at Northeastern University, Don began his career at Roger Williams. He was instrumental in developing the concept of a Council on College Affairs and has always been interested in people, new methods of education, and traveling.

AL MC KINNON      A 1971 graduate of Roger Williams, Al was actively involved in Student Senate as President. During the last year he served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Alumni Council. He is a member of the College Corporation. At present he is employed as an accountant and Assistant Office Manager for Almac's, Inc.

*For Secretary-Treasurer:*

STEVE JENNINGS      Steve graduated in 1972 after completing an active four years at the College. In addition to serving as President of the Senior Class, he was responsible for, and initiated, the writing of the Handbook for Students for the Professional Studies Division. He is now employed as a junior accountant with a local firm.

STEVE SALVATORE      A 1972 graduate of Roger Williams, Steve was President of Student Government, 1971-72. He is a two-year member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

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TEAR OFF THE BALLOT BELOW AND MAIL TO THE ALUMNI OFFICE NOW!

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ROGER WILLIAMS COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL BALLOT

The Officers to be elected to the Alumni Council for 1972-73 are as follows:

*President* - Coordinates activities of the Alumni Association and Council.

*Secretary-Treasurer* - Responsible for minutes of all meetings in addition to all Alumni Council Funds.

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*PRESIDENT (Vote for One)*

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| 1.    [    ]    Donald Desrochers | 2.    [    ]    Allan McKinnon |
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*SECRETARY-TREASURER (Vote for One)*

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| 1.    [    ]    Steven Jennings | 2.    [    ]    Steven Salvatore |
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